

Congresswoman Kaptur, a member of the House Trade Working Group, made a statement on the House floor in response to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's recently released report that claims U.S. free trade agreements have supported more than 5 million jobs.

Reacting to the report, Congresswoman Kaptur asked, "Is this some sort of cruel joke? Are we talking about the same country?" NAFTA and NAFTA-like trade agreements have promised more jobs in the U.S. and a rise in the standard of living.

However, these agreements have led to an increase in the trade-deficit and a sharp reduction in manufacturing jobs, as U.S. workers and companies are forced to unfairly compete against state-managed capitalism in places like Mexico, China and Japan.

"Take Ohio: Since 1994, employment just in the manufacturing sector has declined by one-third. Companies like Silgan Holdings, Delphi, Georgia Pacific, GM, Dixon Ticonderoga, and Champion Spark Plug all have moved to Mexico," said Kaptur on the House floor this morning. "It is time to wake up, stand up for this country and renegotiate those agreements that keep moving our jobs offshore."

Click on the video below to watch the Congresswoman's floor speech.